



**PATENT**  
Atty. Docket No.: 1363-3

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Leslie LiDonnici  
Examiner: David C. Comstock  
Serial No.: 10/804,335  
Group Art Unit 3732  
Filed: March 19, 2004  
Dated: September 22, 2005  
For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR MINIMIZING THE LOSS OF BLOOD  
THROUGH A SEVERED STERNUM DURING CARDIAC AND/OR  
THORACIS SURGERY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

[X] No additional fee is required.

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INDEP.	3	MINUS 4	=	X 100 \$	X 200 \$0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				X 180 \$	X 360 \$0
				TOTAL	OR TOTAL \$25
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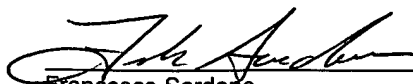
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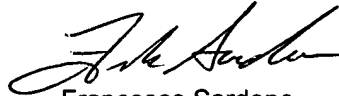
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Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

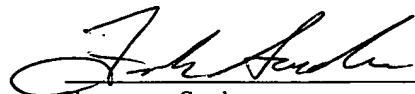
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